

REMARKS

Under 35 U.S.C. §121, the Office has made a requirement for restriction between the following patentable subject matter:

Group I: Claims 1-8 and 24-31, drawn to a method an apparatus used to automatically sign in a user to an online gaming service, classified in class 463, subclass 42.

Group II: Claims 9-19 and 32-40, drawn to a method and a program stored on a computer readable media that automatically signs in a user to an online gaming service using a gaming machine, classified in class 463, subclass 42.

Group III: Claims 20-23, drawn to an apparatus that receives online gaming services, classified in class 463, subclass, 42.

In order to comply with the Office's Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects **Group II: Claims 9-19 and 32-40**, to which the claims are restricted for prosecution in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application(s) and/or a rejoinder(s) of claims directed to the non-elected subject matter at a later date, if so desired.

Conclusion

Claims 9-19 and 32-40 have been elected and are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned representative to resolve the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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